

In the Claims:

1. (currently amended) A tool vending machine comprising:

a housing having a sidewall which encloses an internal chamber, a door mounted in said sidewall, said door being located within a door opening formed in said sidewall, said door being pivotally movable relative to said housing;

at least one first compartment located in said internal chamber;

at least one second compartment located in said internal chamber, said second compartment being larger in size than said first compartment;

a drive mechanism for moving said first compartment and said second compartment, said drive mechanism being located within said internal chamber, said drive mechanism to move said first compartment and said second compartment to be located directly adjacent said door to permit manual access into said compartment by opening of said door, only a single said compartment to be aligned with said door at a time;

a user interface tool selection means mounted on said sidewall, said user interface tool selection means to permit manual selection of either said first compartment or said second compartment to be moved in alignment with said door; and

baffle means mounted on said housing and located within said internal chamber, said baffle means to be movable to change size of said door opening so said door opening corresponds in size with the size of said compartment that is aligned with said door, said baffle means being movable by a rack and pinion gear assembly, whereby when a said compartment is aligned with said door and said door is opened a person is permitted to exact

a tool contained within said compartment and only that compartment.

2.(original) The tool vending machine as defined in Claim 1 wherein:  
there being a plurality of said doors.

3.(canceled)

4.(original) The tool vending machine as defined in Claim 1 wherein:  
there being a plurality of said first compartments.

5.(canceled)

6.(original) The tool vending machine as defined in Claim 1 wherein:  
there being a plurality of said second compartments.

7.(canceled)

8.(canceled)

9.(original) The tool vending machine as defined in Claim 1 wherein:  
said baffle means comprising a pair of plates movable simultaneously in

opposite directions.

10.(previously presented) The tool vending machine as defined in Claim 9  
wherein:

said plates being mounted on said sidewall directly adjacent said door.

11.(currently amended) A tool vending machine comprising:

a bin carousel tray assembly that has a plurality of different size compartments,  
said bin carousel tray assembly being mounted within an internal chamber of a housing;

a user interface tool selection means for selecting a compartment of said  
compartments to be moved directly adjacent to and in alignment with a door mounted in said  
housing; and

a baffle assembly mounted in conjunction with said door, said door defining  
an opening, said baffle assembly to automatically adjust size of said opening to correspond  
to size of said compartment with it being understood that only a single said compartment can  
be aligned with said door at a time, said baffle assembly being movable by a rack and pinion  
gear assembly, said baffle assembly comprising a plurality of plates.

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12.(original) The tool vending machine as defined in Claim 11 wherein:

said bin carousel assembly comprising a plurality of carousels with each said bin carousel tray containing only compartments of a given size and where each said bin carousel contains a different size compartment.

13.(canceled)

14.(previously presented) The tool vending machine as defined in Claim 11

wherein:

said plurality of plates actually comprising a pair of plates which are movable simultaneously in opposite directions.

Claims 15-18(canceled)